Fund through Coal Mines Provident Fund Organisation (CMPF), in the region of Rs. 3 to 4 lakhs will be paid to the dependents and pension to wife and two dependent sons will also be disbursed by CMPF.

Besides, the Hon'ble Prime Minister has sanctioned an *ex-gratia* of Rs. 1,00,000/- from the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund to the next of each of kin of the deceased. CIL has also been advised to make payment of Rs. 1 lakh to each as an additional *ex-gratia*.

Outsourcing of coal

1887. SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the total output of coal through outsourcing by Coal India Limited and its subsidiaries during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): Coal production by hired equipments in subsidiaries of Coal India Limited during last three years is given below:

Company	2004-2005	2003-2004	2002-2003
ECL	20.48	5.08	3.11
BCCL	52.15	38.61	37.22
CCL	141.10	132.34	131.59
WCL	25.23	23.09	16.74
SECL	591.98	516.34	481.52
MCL	630.78	568.77	494.67
NEC	4.78	6.11	5.21
TOTAL	1466.50	1290.34	1170.06

IPO by Coal India Limited

1888. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry and Coal India Limited are considering an IPO to part finance its Rs. 21,000/- crores investment plans; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

E-auction by MCL

1889. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mahanadi Coalfields Limited has launched e-auction of coal meant for non-core consumers, as against the open sale scheme;

(b) whether it has been resented by the Orissa Coal Consumers' Association, as majority of the coal users do not have access to computers and therefore they cannot bid on the internet;

(c) if so, whether their grievances have been redressed; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The concept of e-auction is a transparent and consumer-friendly system of sale of coal which is introduced on a trial basis keeping in view improvement of technology. Through this system, accessibility of coal from coal subsidiaries can be obtained through any number of multiple outlets across the country. The scheme is open to all consumers and they can obtain their requirement of coal of desired quantity and quality from preferred sources. Further Indian Institute of Management, Kolkata has concurrently been asked to evaluate the trial e-auction. Hence the concern raised by the Orissa Coal Consumers' Association is unfounded.

Further, three million tonnes of coal has been earmarked for State Government for distribution to small consumers through an agency to be notified by the State Governments. In addition, two million tonnes of coal has also been allocated to National Cooperative Consumers' Federation (NCCF) for distribution to the consumers who do not have linkage.